

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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SEVENTY-FOURTH LEGISLATURE

HOUSE.

No. 490

STATE OF MAINE.

RESOLVE, in favor of the Town of Caribou.

Resolved, That the sum of sixty-three dollars be and hereby
2 is appropriated to be paid to the town of Caribou, to reim-
3 burse said town for expense incurred on account of State
4 paupers during the closing months of the year 1907.

STATEMENT OF FACTS.

Gentlemen of the Committee:—We wish to present for your consideration the following facts, relative to the claim of the Town of Caribou for reimbursement of money paid out for the support of State paupers. For the greater part of our State paupers we have an arrangement made with different parties to board them for a stated sum per week, and as they live at quite a distance, (anywhere from ten to twenty miles) we arranged with them to come to our office once a month or two months as the case may be, to get their pay; so that under this arrangement the payments for board did not come exactly at the close of the year.

We supposed that where we had a contract for board or furnishing supplies for paupers with a fixed time for payment, that payments made by the town in 1908 would properly be included in the 1908 claims for which we would expect reimbursement, but the Council Committee and State Auditor have ruled that all the debts which accrued prior to December 31st, 1907, should have been reported with the 1907 claims, and hence any claim which we paid in 1908 but in which the bill showed any part to have been supplied in 1907, that part was disallowed. The claims which were disallowed were as follows:

Board of Ramie Soucie from Nov. 30th to Jan. 1st,	
1908, amounting to	\$6 00
Baptiste Pelkey, from Dec. 28th to Jan. 1st, 1908,	
amounting to	2 00
Jerry Dionne, from Dec. 14th to Jan. 1st, 1908,	
amounting to	5 00
Mrs. Louis Leveque, from Dec. 17th to Jan. 1st,	
1908, amounting to	3 00
Mrs. Louis Leveque, medical attendance on Sept.	
10th, 1907	5 00
Mrs. Frank Violette and family from Dec. 7th to	
Jan. 1st, 1908, amounting to	20 00

Mary Leveque, from Dec. 7th to Jan. 1st, 1908, amounting to		18 00
Mrs. Felix St. Peter medical attendance, Nov. 14th, 1907, amounting to.....	\$1 75	
Mrs. Felix St. Peter, medicine delivered, Dec. 14th, 1907, amounting to.....	2 25	
Total	<u> </u>	4 00
Total amount disallowed		\$63 00

We do not doubt that the ruling of the State Auditor and the Council Committee is correct, but feel that inasmuch as the bills paid were reasonable ones, the Town having actually paid the money, it should not suffer loss on account of the fault of the Overseers of the Poor in not properly understanding how to apply the law.

The original bills covering the above amounts are on file with the State Auditor.

Very respectfully yours,

FREMONT SMALL,

Chairman of Overseers of Poor, Caribou, Maine.

December 28th, 1908.

STATE OF MAINE.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,

Augusta, March 5, 1909.

Reported by Mr. SPEAR from Committee on Claims and ordered printed under joint rules.

E. M. THOMPSON, *Clerk.*